

3*3 basketball sets, exercises, driLLs, routines

Here's a breakdown of effective 3×3 basketball sets, exercises, drills, and routines that cater to both offense and defense, suitable for players of various skill levels.

Sets and Exercises

3×3 basketball is a fast-paced, condensed version of full-court basketball that emphasizes quick decision-making, spacing, and individual accountability. Common sets and exercises include:

- Motion Offense: Players move without the ball, set screens, and make cuts to create scoring opportunities.
- Ball Screens: Use pick-and-roll actions to create mismatches or open shots.
- Handoffs (DHO): Quick exchanges between players to keep the defense moving.
- **Isolation:** Giving a skilled player space to attack one-on-one.
- Transition Drills: Practicing quick changes from offense to defense and vice versa^{[1][2]}.

Drills and Routines

Below are some of the most effective 3×3 drills and routines:

1. Continuous 3-on-3

- **How it works:** Teams play live 3-on-3 at one basket. After a score or defensive stop, the winning team attacks the opposite basket. The losing team stays and defends the next possession. This keeps the action fast and players engaged^[3].
- Variations: Add a shot clock, dribble limit, or one-shot rule to increase urgency and focus on shot selection.

2. Closeout to Live 3-on-3

Setup: Three offensive players around the perimeter, three defenders in the paint.

- **Execution:** Coach passes to any offensive player; defenders close out and play becomes live.
- **Focus:** Defenders work on closeout technique and help defense. Offense practices reading closeouts, driving, and cutting^[4].

3. Rebounding and Transition 3-on-3

- **Setup:** Three teams of three. Coach shoots, and players battle for the rebound.
- **Rules:** Defensive rebound = 1 point. Offensive rebound = ball stays with the offense. Teams compete to reach a set number of rebounds or points^{[5][2]}.
- **Transition:** After a rebound or turnover, the team with the ball quickly attacks the opposite basket, simulating game-like transition scenarios^[2].

4. Disadvantaged Drill

- **Setup:** Offensive player starts with a defender on their hip (advantage).
- **Execution:** Offense must maintain the advantage and score. Defense must recover and contest.
- **Purpose:** Teaches players to exploit or recover from mismatches and maintain composure under pressure^[1].

5. Find - Use - Create

- **Find:** Offense must find an advantage (e.g., after a pass, defender is out of position).
- **Use:** Offense uses the advantage to attack.
- **Create:** Offense must create an advantage using screens or cuts if none is given^[2].

Routine Structure Example

A typical 3×3 practice routine might look like this:

- 1. **Warm-up:** Dynamic stretching and light shooting.
- 2. **Closeout to Live Drill:** 10–15 minutes to work on defensive fundamentals and offensive reads^[4].

- 3. **Continuous 3-on-3:** 10–15 minutes, focusing on transition and quick decision-making^[3].
- 4. **Rebounding and Transition Drill:** 10 minutes, emphasizing box-outs and fast breaks^{[5][2]}.
- 5. **Scrimmage or Game:** 10–15 minutes of live 3-on-3 with specific constraints (e.g., only layups, or certain shot types count extra).

Summary Table

Drill/Routine	Focus Area	Key Benefit
Continuous 3-on-3	Transition, conditioning	Game-like pace, quick decisions
Closeout to Live 3-on-3	Defense, offense reads	Closeouts, help defense, driving
Rebounding & Transition 3v3	Rebounding, fast breaks	Boxing out, quick transitions
Disadvantaged Drill	Exploiting mismatches	Maintaining/completing advantage
Find - Use - Create	Creating advantages	Ball screens, cuts, off-ball IQ

These drills and routines will help players develop essential skills for 3×3 basketball, making them more effective and versatile on the court^{[1][3][4]}.



F45 &ORANGE THEORY FOR IT

If you're considering F45 or Orangetheory as a way to improve your performance in 3×3 basketball or general fitness for athletes, here's how each fits into an IT (intense training) or sport-specific context:

F45 for Intense Training

- **Focus:** Functional training, HIIT, and strength circuits with lots of variety and equipment^{[6][7][8]}.
- **Workout Length:** 45 minutes per session, making it efficient for busy schedules^[9]

- **Programming:** Each day has a different focus (cardio, strength, hybrid), and workouts are constantly varied [6][9][8].
- **Equipment:** Uses kettlebells, dumbbells, battle ropes, sleds, and more for a broad range of movements^{[7][8]}.
- **Community:** Encourages teamwork and group motivation [9][10].
- **Benefits for Basketball:** Improves endurance, explosiveness, and functional strength—key for 3×3 basketball's fast pace and physical demands. The emphasis on quick transitions and functional movements mimics game-like scenarios.
- **Tech:** Uses performance tracking but is less competitive/leaderboard-driven than Orangetheory^[8].

Orangetheory for Intense Training

- **Focus:** Heart-rate-based interval training combining cardio (treadmill, rower) and strength (weights, TRX)[9][10][8].
- **Workout Length:** 60 minutes per session, with a focus on keeping you in the "orange zone" for optimal calorie burn^{[9][10]}.
- **Programming:** Structured intervals, balanced between endurance, strength, and power^{[9][8]}.
- **Equipment:** Uses treadmills, rowers, free weights, and TRX straps [9][10].
- **Community:** Personalized feedback and smaller class sizes for more individualized attention[9][10].
- **Benefits for Basketball:** Builds cardiovascular endurance and stamina, important for maintaining intensity throughout a game. The heart-rate monitoring helps ensure you're training at the right intensity for your goals.
- **Tech:** Uses heart rate monitors and a leaderboard for motivation and tracking progress^{[11][8]}.

Comparison Table

Feature	F45	Orangetheory
Focus	Functional training, HIIT, strength	Cardio, endurance, heart rate zones

Session Length	45 minutes	60 minutes
Equipment	Kettlebells, dumbbells, sleds, ropes	Treadmills, rowers, weights, TRX
Community	Team-based, global network	Personalized, smaller groups
Tech	Performance tracking, progress screens	Heart rate monitors, leaderboard
Best For	Explosiveness, functional strength	Endurance, stamina, fat loss

Which Should You Choose for IT?

- **F45** is ideal if you want to build explosive strength, agility, and functional fitness for 3×3 basketball, with a focus on varied, intense circuits that mimic game movements [9][10][8].
- **Orangetheory** is better if your priority is cardiovascular endurance, calorie burn, and structured, heart-rate-based training that supports long-term stamina and conditioning [9][10][8].

If your goal is to improve for 3×3 basketball, both can be effective, but F45's functional and strength emphasis may align more closely with the sport's demands. However, combining elements of both (or alternating between them) can provide a well-rounded approach to intense training for basketball athletes^{[9][10]}.

Given your interest in strength training and bodybuilding^[12], you might find F45's resistance-focused days especially beneficial, while Orangetheory can help with cardio and conditioning.



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